

Candidate Questionnaire and Answers

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COUNCIL	Merri-bek City Council 2024
WARD (if applicable)	Bulleke-bek Ward
CANDIDATE'S NAME (as on ballot paper)	IWASAKI, Jay

What is your vision for the municipality of the above Council? (*maximum 50 words*)
 As we face the cost-of-living and housing/rental crises, council plays an important role in ensuring that everyone has what they need to thrive. Together we can build an inclusive and sustainable future for Merri-bek with a people-first, community-driven approach in council decision-making.

What expertise or attributes do you have which would help you in undertaking the role of Councillor?
Provide details (maximum 50 words)
 Professionally, I've worked with non-profit organisations, agencies, and institutions to achieve outcomes with tight deadlines and budgets, and my research history is publically available. I know how organisations like Merri-bek Council function and have critical experience and the desire to achieve results for our community.

Have you read the current Council Plan for the council named above?	Yes
Have you read the current Councillor Code of Conduct for the council named above?	Yes
Are you endorsed by a registered political party? <small>Note: Registered political party has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Electoral Act 2002. If yes, provide the name of the registered political party.</small>	Yes
Are you currently a Councillor?	No
If yes, what has been your attendance record at Council meetings during your current term of office? <small>Note: Council meetings means Council meetings referred to in section 61 of the Local Government Act 2020 but does not include meetings held for which a Councillor has been granted leave from attending by the Council.</small>	
What are your contact details (so that voters can contact you)? <i>Provide details</i> jay.iwasaki@vic.greens.org.au	

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